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DAKOTA RESCUE OFF FORMOSA

THE DRAMATIC RESCUE OF TWENTY SURVIVORS OF AN AMERICAN C-47 TRANSPORT PLANE WHICH "DITCHED" ON MONDAY NIGHT OFF THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF FORMOSA, WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE NAVAL AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Fire Destroys "Shetland"

London, Jan. 29. Britain's largest flying boat, the 68-ton "Shetland"—the only one of its kind yet built—sank at its moorings yesterday at Falmouth after catching fire. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING SUCCESS PREDICTION

CHUNGKING, JAN. 29. THE SUCCESS OF THE CHINESE ALL-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE WHICH IS TRYING TO BRING ABOUT THE UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, IS NOW ASSURED, THE CHINESE CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY SAID TO-DAY.

Complete agreement on the thorny question of Government organization has been reached by granting of more concessions by the Central Government.

With this settlement, the solution of the question of the National Assembly, last on the conference agenda, is regarded as "merely a matter of formality," the Agency said.

A resolution from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that all laws and decrees restricting the fundamental freedoms of the people should be repealed or amended was carried at the meeting of the Supreme National Defence Council to-day.—Reuter.

DELAYED ACTION BOMB IN KOWLOON

AN UNEXPLODED BOMB, BELIEVED TO BE A DELAYED ACTION BOMB DROPPED DURING AN AMERICAN AIR RAID ON THE COLONY DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, CAUSED SOME EXCITEMENT IN KOWLOON LAST NIGHT.

It was discovered in Chungking Arcade during excavations for another bomb and it was imbedded fairly deeply in the ground.

Immediately after its presence was made known, sentries were posted and barred wire barricades were erected, traffic in the Arcade was prohibited, and notices were put up: "Unexploded Bomb."

"People in houses in the immediate neighbourhood were not last night asked to leave, but an attempt will be made to-day or to-morrow to remove the bomb and extra precautions may be taken."

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Continuing cloudy, with occasional drizzle, mild, easterly winds; outlook continuing improving; tomorrow's temperature:—Maximum—78 degrees at 11 a.m.; minimum—60 degrees at 11 p.m.

Not British

Dublin, Jan. 29. Mr. Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, has backed the claim of Maureen O'Hara, film star, to be an "Irish citizen" and not a British subject. Speaking at Waterford on Sunday, Mr. de Valera said to-day: "No citizen of our own owes any allegiance whatever to Britain or the British Crown. We are not British subjects and it is importance to call us such."—Reuter.

MACABRE SCENE

Nuernberg, Jan. 29. An Austrian Jew who was recaptured after breaking out from the Mauthausen murder house was hanged on a gallows before the concentration camp inmates to the tune of "The Beer Barrel Polka" played by a gypsy orchestra, a young Spanish photographer, Francois Boix, told the War Crimes Tribunal here yesterday.

The Austrian was brought back to the camp in a cart usually reserved for outgoing corpses. On its side in German was the legend "All birds come home to roost," he related.

While the victim was paraded before the assembled inmates the orchestra started to play.—Associated Press.

China Struggling For Compromise

CHUNGKING, JAN. 29. SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE, DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND REORGANISATION OF THE GOVERNMENT, RESUMED WORK YESTERDAY AFTER A DAY'S INTERRUPTION BECAUSE OF THE SHORT-LIVED "STRIKE" OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE. MOST QUARTERS BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND STILL FURTHER THE LIFE OF THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS TENTATIVELY SET TO CLOSE TO-DAY.

Energetic efforts are being made by all parties to reach some sort of a compromise, but some of the differences cannot be reconciled without considerable concessions.

The sub-committee dealing with reorganization of government is engaged principally on the distribution of seats on the executive yuan, or cabinet, in which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has agreed to include representatives of other parties.

The sub-committee dealing with the national assembly is still engaged on the question of its validity, which both Communists and Democratic League representatives have been challenging because it was elected before the war.

Dr. Lo Lung Chi, spokesman for the Democratic League, said the national assembly, to win the respect of the people, must be a genuinely representative body. Even if its work were limited to adoption of a constitution previously approved by all parties, it should still be a national assembly in the true sense of the word, he declared.

COMMUNIST DELAYED

Gen. Chen En-shi, leader of the Communist delegation to the conference, who flew to Yenan on Sunday to report to the Communist Leader, Mao Tse-tung, did not return on Monday as expected. Communist headquarters here attributed this to bad weather and said he surely would return to Chungking to-day.

The Chinese press reported that with fighting dominating daily, a report from Communist Yenan headquarters said that the Communists had decided to delay their return to Chungking until the end of the month.

HITLER ORDER TO KILL POPE

AN ORDER FROM HITLER TO REMOVE THE POPE, TO KNOCK KING VICTOR EMMANUEL OFF HIS THRONE AND TO LIBERATE MUSSOLINI AT ALL HAZARDS WAS THE FUEHRER'S HOMICIDAL REACTION TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE ITALIAN WAR EFFORT AND THE IMPRISONMENT OF THE DUCE IN 1943.

The rescue of the Duce was sprung on schedule in a spectacular mountain top raid.

But the plot against the Pope and the King of Italy was thwarted by Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, swarthy genius of the German counter intelligence who at a dramatic luncheon session in Venice, succeeded in forewarning anti-Fascist Italian agents that the coup d'etat would be attempted.

According to the hitherto unpublished German documents and a brief account given to the Associated Press by Major-General Erwin Lahousen in an interview last December, Canaris summoned Lahousen who was then the Chief of the German sabotage section and Colonel Freytag von Loringhoven, anti-Hitler staff officer, and told them of the plot.

Lahousen urged that anti-Fascist General Ame be warned and later a meeting took place at the Hotel Danelli in Venice when Ame with members of his Italian secret organisation and Colonel Helfferich, who was directly responsible to Marshal Badoglio, were warned. Canaris and Ame had a two-hour discussion later at the Lido Club.

VATICAN ALERT The following day Ame returned to Rome. The Vatican was placed on the alert and prompt counter-measures taken.

But in September, scar-faced Otto Skorzeny crash-landed his plane on a mountain top to rescue Mussolini and delivered him to Hitler's Headquarters. Skorzeny to-day is a prisoner in Nuernberg jail but there is no information that this gangster whose later sabotage aims included the assassination of General Eisenhower, has added anything to the known details of the plan to murder the Pope and remove the King.—Associated Press.

"Christian" Progress In Germany

FRANKFURT, JAN. 29. LEFT-WING LEADERS CONTENTED TO-DAY THAT THE VICTORY OF THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION IN GERMANY'S LOCAL ELECTIONS ON SUNDAY DID NOT REFLECT THE TRUE PICTURE OF POLITICAL SENTIMENT AMONG THE MASS OF THE GERMAN POPULATION IN THE AMERICAN ZONE.

The Christian Social Union amassed a total of 1,300,000 votes in the nearly complete returns from 11,000 communities of under 20,000 population, which voted in Germany's first post-war election. The moderately left-wing Social Democrats came second with 872,400 votes.

William Hoegner, Social Democratic leader and President in Bavaria where the Christian Social Union showed the greatest strength, contended that "the use of the prefix 'Christian' and the influence of the priests gained for C.S.U. candidates nearly as many votes as their political creed."

It proves that these people are not yet prepared to face the political aspects of the present situation and the election is not therefore, to be regarded as a political barometer, said the Secretary-General of the Communist Party in Bavaria, Otto Grottel, in a statement.

The Federation of German Workers voted a 24-hour strike as a protest against the government's order to dissolve the Nitrate Workers' Union which has been on strike for several weeks.

WRENS GET INTO FLAP OVER STUFFED TIGER

THE WRENS HAD THEIR FEATHERS RUFFLED OVER THE WEEK-END WHEN THE STUFFED TIGER GRACING THE ENTRANCE TO THE WRENERY AT NO. 52, ROBINSON ROAD, WAS ABDUCTED UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS.

THE WHOLE MANOEUVRE WAS EXECUTED IN SUCH A MASTERLY FASHION THAT AT PRESENT NO ONE YET IS QUITE SURE WHAT MEMBER OF THE "HONG KONG NATURALIST SOCIETY" IT WAS WHO FIRST RANG UP REQUESTING A LOAN OF THE SPECIMEN.

Different versions have it that it was a Mr. Willoughby-Blythe or a Mr. Wyndham-Smith. The gentleman, claiming to be a member of the Hong Kong Naturalist Society, asked if he could send a fellow member down to collect the specimen and place it on exhibition at Queen's Building.

The "member" who arrived at the Wrenery with a truck to collect the tiger introduced himself as a Mr. Stone. The First Officer of the Wrens was out. Mr. Stone was received by the Regulating Petty Officer who, after listening to what appeared to be an account of a bona fide desire on the part of the Naturalist Society to appease a local esire to view stuffed wild beasts, agreed to releasing the tiger for exhibition.

TWISTED NECK

The abduction was carried out on Saturday morning. On the following morning, a number of Wren officers were present at a cocktail-party at No. 1 Commando Officers' Mess where a tiger was on exhibition that bore considerable resemblance to the missing specimen.

There was considerable argument as to identification. No. 1 Commando claimed that it could not be the same tiger as it was not gazing in the same direction as the Wrenery's missing specimen. Definite identification seemed to revolve round the point whether the Wren's beast had been gazing right or left.

The tiger, however, was not surrendered. The same evening, an attempt was made to recover it by an R.A.F. truck that claimed to have been acting on behalf of the Wrenery.

DEFENCE MEASURES

Defence precautions were adopted and the beast was removed to the No. 1 Commando wine-cellar where it spent the night.

On Monday morning, the tiger was returned accompanied by flowers and a card which read: "To err is human. To forgive is divine. This will not occur again."

It was subsequently learned that the Wrens had demanded return of their tiger on the positive identification that it had three whiskers on one side of its jaw and none on the other.

INDIGNANT LETTER

The "China Mail" is in receipt of an indignant letter from a Lieut. G. Willoughby, Ret'd., which may throw some light on the mystery of the abductor's identity. It reads: "Sir—I was more than surprised to see my name in connection with the abduction of a stuffed tiger from No. 52 Robinson Road."

I have to point out that I have at no time had any connection either with the Hong Kong Naturalist Society or the W.R.N.s; and am firmly of the opinion that this escapade is the work of an outright boundary masquerading in the name of A. St. Q. Cartwright.

I first encountered this plausible fellow at Mateking and again in 1938 when, by skilful use of my name he removed a complete family of kangaroos from the London Zoological Gardens.

Yours faithfully, (G. WILLUGHBY) (Lieut.) Ret'd.

State Of Siege In Chile

Santiago, Jan. 29. The Chilean Government, has proclaimed a state of siege for sixty days following disturbances in which eleven persons were killed and eight injured.

The meeting was in preparation for a general twenty-four hour protest strike against the Government orders to dissolve the Northern Area Syndicate, a trade union of 15,000 workers, and the Chilean Teachers' Association, which had both been on strike since January 15th.

Not Good Enough

Jerusalem, Jan. 29. Jews disgusted at R.A.F. men and driving stolen lorries made an unsuccessful attempt to steal arms and ammunition from an R.A.F. station at Awarajir, twenty miles from Tel-Aviv, an official communiqué said last night.—Reuter.

DATE SET FOR STANLEY TRIALS

AN ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER REQUIRING HONG KONG RESIDENTS DETAINED AT STANLEY FOR COLLABORATIONIST OR OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION, TO BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL WITHIN THREE WEEKS.

This is required by an amendment to the Military Courts Proclamation, as follows:—

16B.—Rule 16 shall not apply to persons whose detention has been ordered by or under the authority of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, because suspected of having, during the Japanese occupation, adhered to or assisted the Japanese and/or been guilty of activities prejudicial to the Allied Cause and/or of having committed offences against the Defence Regulations or serious offences against the Criminal Law of Hong Kong.

Such persons shall, if already in custody, be brought before a Summary Military Court within 21 days from the publication of this Order or within such extended period as the Chief Civil Affairs Officer shall in any particular case or in any class of case by Order under his hand direct.

In the case of arrests subsequent to the date of this Order such persons shall be brought before a Summary Military Court within seven days of their arrest or within such extended time as aforesaid.

TOKYO TRAIN DISASTER

TOKYO, JAN. 29. TWENTY-FOUR WERE KILLED AND 140 INJURED AS AN ELECTRIC TRAIN WITHOUT A DRIVER RACED TEN KILOMETRES THROUGH TWO STATIONS AND JUMPED A TRACK AT THE CURVE YESTERDAY.

The train was jammed with passengers on route to their homes near the Asakusa district. The two-car train started backsliding after the motor-man had got off the train for repairs. Within a matter of seconds it was speeding backwards wildly out of control and passengers were jammed so tightly into the cars that the conductor was unable to make way toward the control engine.

The train raced through two stations before finally jumping the track at a curve.—Associated Press.

ATOMIC BOMB EXPERIMENT

London, Jan. 29. Prime Minister Clement Attlee stated in the House of Commons today that participation of a British representative in the forthcoming atomic bomb tests in the Pacific was being considered in consultation with the United States Authorities.

Viscount Hinchinbrooke (Conservative), who raised the matter, had suggested that British and Canadian participation was desirable and consistent with the principle of joint experiments developed during the war.

When Viscount Hinchinbrooke asked if the British representative would be in the military field and not only a press observer, Mr. Attlee replied: "Not a press observer. He will clearly be an official representative."—Reuter.

12 DEATH SENTENCES

London, Jan. 29. All Germans accused at Kiev of war crimes in the Ukraine have been found guilty by a Military Tribunal, according to the Moscow Press.

Twelve, including General Scherzer and General Guderian, were sentenced to be hanged, the remaining four were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

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Kowloon Travel

Improvements in the cross-harbour ferry services indicated in our advertising and news columns to-day will come as a welcome boon to residents of Kowloon. The Star Ferry Company is to resume operation of the main ferry route, to Tsimshatsui, and will immediately institute a regular 15-minute service, while the prospect of further relief from the heavy congestion of the last few months is to be seen in the announcement that additional passenger services are to be put on the Vehicular Ferry route. Road transport on the mainland is so wretchedly inadequate that many Kowloon residents living in and north of the Jordan Road area should avail themselves of this 20-minute service, and thus reduce the strain on the Tsimshatsui ferry. Satisfactory as these increased facilities are, however, they touch only at the fringe of the real problem of rehabilitation in Kowloon. Number One priority need has been from the beginning, and remains, the provision of an efficient bus system. At the moment, Kowloon's passenger transport requirements are handled by half-a-dozen dilapidated vehicles, scarcely one of which would have been permitted on the roads prior to the war. And mainland residents may well be forgiven the feeling that, hitherto, Kowloon has been assigned the role of Cinderella in the Colony's rehabilitation effort. If this truly represents the position, it is high time official policy was modified. Kowloon, it may well prove, has a very important contribution to make to the easing of the Colony's housing problem. Provisionally, more property of a European type escaped irreparable damage on the mainland than on the island, but the full advantage of this cannot be derived unless the facilities for quick and easy travel are provided.

LAUGHTER

The lecturer at the Catholic Centre for this week's Wednesday lecture will be Fr. George Byrne S.J., well known in the Colony as a lecturer and writer. His subject is "Revealing Laughter." Before the war Fr. Byrne was associated with the Hongkong University and Ricci Hall and he has just returned from India-China where he spent the years of Japanese occupation. He is returning to Europe next week and his many friends will be glad to hear him speak again on this occasion before his departure. As usual the lecture will be at 5.30 p.m.

MENACES ALLEGED

Lau Wing-chuen, 19, described as a travelling trader, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, together with three others not in custody, with stealing a fur coat valued at \$1,000 from No. 50, Aberdeen Hill Road, and with demanding \$5,000 from the complainant, Yuen Fong, with menaces. Accused pleaded not guilty to both charges. At the request of the prosecution, the case was adjourned until Feb. 1 for further enquiries.

CHILDREN TO VISIT MANXMAN

A children's party for the Colony's orphanage is to be held this afternoon on board the minelayer L.M.S. Manxman. It will be the third time since October, 1942, that the ship will welcome on board a swarm of kiddies. The last party was held at Melbourne. The first was for orphans in Manila in October 1942, when the "Manxman" rescued the island orphanage from the clutches of the Japanese. The children, who were taken to the island, were then sent to the mainland.

Volunteers Are Still In After January 31

TENANCY TRIBUNAL HEARING

Before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. E. Abraham, H. S. Mok and P. Granello yesterday, an application for eviction by Mrs. A. O. Xavier was granted. Applicant stated that she was the part-owner of No. 10 Austin Avenue. When she left for Macao shortly after the outbreak of war, the premises were occupied by one Fung Sing-tak. Her brother-in-law, after the re-occupation found the house occupied by unknown persons. He told them to leave but they wanted a large sum of money in return. The applicant returned in Dec. 1945 and offered them \$120 to shift but they again refused. An eviction order was granted to Shum Shu-lun, principle tenant of No. 483 Nathan Road, first floor, by another Tribunal with Mr. F. C. Mowfung in the chair, assisted by Captain Rodriguez and Mr. J. M. Wozz.

AN ORDER CLARIFYING THE POSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE H.K.V.D.C. WAS ISSUED LAST NIGHT BY LT-COL. E. J. R. MITCHELL, COMMANDING THE CORPS.

UNDER THE ORDER, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CORPS IN THE COLONY ARE DEMOBILISED WITH EFFECT FROM FEB. 1, BUT WILL STILL BE CONSIDERED AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE H.K.V.D.C. AND WILL STILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Part I para. 5 (1) of the Volunteer Ordinance of 1938 states: "Subject as hereinafter mentioned, any Volunteer may, except on actual military service, quit the corps on complying with the following conditions:— (a) Giving to the Commandant fourteen days notice in writing of his intention to quit the corps. (b) Delivering up in good order all arms, clothing, and appointments, being public property or property of the corps, issued to him; and (c) Paying all money due or becoming due to him under this Ordinance or under any regulations made thereunder or under the rules of the corps, either before or at the time or by reason of his quitting it; and thereupon the muster roll of the corps by the Commandant."

The Commandant's Order issued yesterday under Proclamation No. 14, 1946, which held prior to the Mobilization Order of Dec. 7, 1941. They will continue to be bound by the terms of Volunteer Ordinance No. 10 of 1938 unless their resignation is accepted under Part I para. 5 (1) of the above mentioned Ordinance. Note:— Personnel ex Hong Kong will be deemed to have been demobilized at the end of their leave period.

(b) Clothing. (1) The military clothing issued from various sources may be retained and worn in lieu of civilian clothing but unless the Officer or Volunteer is attending training, or is called out for actual military service, no H.K.V.D.C. or military badges or insignia of any description will be worn with such clothing. Uniform, as such, will not be worn in Hong Kong even though personnel concerned are retained in their present posts.

(2) Certain personnel who are at present seconded to the British Military Administration or Essential Services, and are being retained in their present capacity after Jan. 31, 1946, and who are eligible for repatriation ex Hong Kong, may apply in writing to the Adjutant if they wish to wear uniform en route to the final destination, and may wear other special occasions such as official functions, etc.

(c) Transferred Personnel. Personnel who have been transferred, or have enlisted in other Allied Forces will be deemed to have resumed their status of members H.K.V.D.C. w.e.f. date of discharge from such Allied Forces. (d) Demobilized Personnel. Those personnel who are already deemed to have been demobilized under Proclamation No. 14 will be subject to the above orders. (e) Enrolment. Enrolment of new members cannot be accepted at the present time.

A large number of requests for tenders for repair works on Government buildings including the six flats, No. 151, The Peak, situated on Homestead Road, are published in a Government Gazette Extraordinary published yesterday. The expiry date in most cases is Feb. 1.

has become a "gripe" that on his recommendation the men will be punished without a fair trial? And must the whole of the British Empire be judged by the conduct of two Servicemen, who had probably been celebrating "too well that evening?" (5) Finally, may I suggest, at the request of the Provost Marshal, Kowloon—that if anyone has in future complaints of the kind contained in "Hillwoodian's" letter, it would be far more practical if they would inform the Provost Marshal rather than write letters under a nom-de-plume—containing accusations which often can be neither investigated nor substantiated?

F. J. HENRY, Army P.R.O. STRAIGHT OUT. Referring to A. Hillwood's letter in this morning's paper, I am glad to hear that Hillwoodian wishes to apologise for the "straight out" nature of his letter. I am glad to hear that he is a "straight out" man. I am glad to hear that he is a "straight out" man. I am glad to hear that he is a "straight out" man.

As from to-morrow, the passenger ferry service between the vehicular ferry wharf in Hong Kong and the Jordan Road wharf in Yau Ma Tei will be resumed. Two launches will be put on the run, the first ferry leaving Hong Kong at 6.20 a.m. and leaving Yau Ma Tei at 6.50 a.m. and the last ferry at 6.35 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. respectively. The launches will leave at 20 minute intervals. As from the same date the vehicular ferry "Man Yung" will also take passengers, in addition to vehicles, which may now include other than Service vehicles provided a permit for their transport is first obtained from S.O. 11 Transport Office. The cross harbour ferry services will to-day and for the next two days run extra trips in the evening to cater to the increased night traffic on the eve of the Lunar New Year.

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ADOLPHUS MINGOU. The Cross Harbour Ferry Company has announced that it will resume its service between the vehicular ferry wharf in Hong Kong and the Jordan Road wharf in Yau Ma Tei from to-morrow.

U.S. Shipping

New York, Jan. 29. The United States Lines announced to-day that regular cargo sailings would be resumed to Europe, Australia and the Far East early in March. There will, at first, be monthly sailings from U.S. Atlantic ports to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.—Reuter.

Commando Arrest

One year's imprisonment with hard labour was imposed on Tsing Kun Sau by Mr. W. H. Laimor yesterday. Accused was found guilty of the possession of an automatic pistol and nine rounds of ammunition without a permit. Det.-Inspector Drury, who prosecuted, told the Court that on Jan. 25, a party of Commandos on search duty along Sha Tau Kok Road, saw accused sitting on the roadside. Suddenly, accused threw away the arms and ammunition and attempted to walk away. He was arrested by members of the No. 5 Commando. The pistol, Japanese made, was fully loaded.

GODOWN THEFT

Tong Wai-tat, 29, Lau Wo, 24, and Chan Wing-kwong, 20, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. A. C. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday for stealing six tins of the Blue Star brand godown, 15 and 10, Connaught Road West. Another gang of nine Chinese were charged with being found in Nos. 365 and 367, Des Voeux Road West, the Wing On godown, with intent to commit a felony. The accused were Lo Man, 18; Mak Wing, 24; Choi Kin-wah, 20; Lau Fong, 26; Ho Chun, 28; Ho Wing, 24; Poon Yiu, 22; Chan Hoi-ching, 30; and Chung Shing, 25, all unemployed. At the request of Detective Inspector F. Nolan the case was adjourned until this morning for further enquiries.

GOLD PRICE FALLS

The gold market opened yesterday morning in an atmosphere of uncertainty. Opening quotation was \$566 per tael, but a wave of selling forced it down quickly, though at the close it had steadied at \$543.

Chinese national currency opened strong at HK\$4.90 to C\$1,000 but gradually weakened and closed at \$4.70. U.S. dollars remained unchanged at \$8.05, as did English pounds at \$18.35. Australian pound notes have buyers at \$12.00.

Yau Shun-kwong, 49, residing at No. 72, Tung Choi Street, was found dead in the kitchen at about 10 a.m. yesterday. Yau was suffering from self-inflicted wounds. It is believed that he was in financial difficulties.

Kowloon's Increased Ferry Services

AS FROM TO-MORROW, THE PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE VEHICULAR FERRY WHARF IN HONG KONG AND THE JORDAN ROAD WHARF IN YAU MATI WILL BE RESUMED.

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Special Constable Convicted

A SPECIAL CONSTABLE, CHAN CHI-KANG, WAS FINED \$500 OR FOUR MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT BY MR. C. Y. KWAN YESTERDAY FOR SELLING RICE AT A PRICE IN EXCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT PRICE OF 20 CENTS.

DETECTIVE SUB-INSPECTOR WALDRON ASKED THE COURT TO WITHDRAW A CHARGE AGAINST LAU SIU-SHING, MASTER OF THE MAN SANG ONEQNG RICE SHOP, FOR SELLING RICE TO CHAN WHO WAS WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE TICKET FOR THE PURCHASE.

Chan was charged with selling 40 catties of rice to a woman, Chan Kwai-ying, at 28 cents a catty.

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of accused. Mr. Silva said the case was the sequel to an assault on his client recently. In this case, Yam Yuk-tong was charged with assaulting his client on Jan. 15. His client was a special constable attached to No. 7 Police Station. On his information, several persons were charged with godown breaking at West Point. His client was also taken to No. 7 Police Station where he was detained overnight. The present charge was brought against him the following day.

On their way to the Police Station, it was alleged, a Chinese detective, Kwong Shek, told this client that he had caused them enough trouble and now he would give his client some trouble.

GANG SUGGESTION. Mr. Silva said there had been a gang operating in the West Point district ruling the whip of fear.

Kwong Shek, the detective, was alleged to be on friendly terms with Yam Yuk-tong, and his client would not have been charged if the assault incident did not arise.

His client actually bought the rice for the consumption of special constables at West Point. He found the rice to be of very poor quality, and sold it to a woman in order to buy a better quality.

Inspector Waldron told the Court that, as far as the Police were concerned, they were not

Very Much Alike

CARMEN MIRANDA DO' AMEÇHE, WILLIAM BENDIX and introducing VIVIAN BLAINE a new find

ARMED ROBBERY. An armed robbery occurred at about 9.50 p.m. last night, at No. 30, King Yung Street, ground floor, when four well-dressed Chinese, three of them armed with revolvers, robbed the occupants of HK\$2,500.

The victims were the Tak Sang Hong dye stuff shop. The men entered the premises about closing time, as the accountant was counting the daily takings. One Chinese stood guard outside the shop, while the other three ransacked the counter and escaped with the cash.

GREENWICH VILLAGE. Another 80th ANNIVERSARY FOX SUPER-TECHNICOLOR MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA OPENING FEB. 1st at the QUEEN'S

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Disorder Reported In Dairen

Chungking, Jan. 29. Presence of a Chinese Central news agency correspondent at Dairen, from which foreign newsman have been barred so far, was disclosed in a dispatch dated January 26.

It was the first dispatch from Dairen by the Chinese news agency since July 1937.

Dairen, the correspondent said, is only half alive. Only half the shops are open. Pedlars, most of them Japanese women, infest the streets. The city's streetcar service and power and water supply are in good condition, but Dairen is reported to be witnessing "much disorder."

The correspondent said that factories in railroad towns between Mukden and Dairen appear to be "almost intact." He says the Dairen populace is wishing for the arrival of Chinese troops.

—Associated Press.

Preparing Korea For Freedom

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 29. HOW SOON 25,000,000 KOREANS CAN GET STARTED TOWARD NATIONAL LIFE IN THE MODERN WORLD IS BEING DELIBERATED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN THE KOREAN CAPITAL, SEOUL, BY A RUSSO-AMERICAN MILITARY COMMISSION DEDICATED TO GETTING KOREA READY FOR INDEPENDENCE IN 1941.

This major Russo-American contact comes five months after Japan's surrender, which ended in a thirty-five year enslavement of the Korean people and the Commission is the result of the decision of the Big Three Foreign Ministers at Moscow that America, Russia, Britain and China should set up a Four-Power Trusteeship for Korea for five years.

Korea is divided by the 38th parallel. North of that line live 8,000,000 Koreans in a Russian occupied area containing most of the important mines and industry. The southern half is a predominantly farming population of 17,000,000 under American occupation.

This division, which has been almost air-tight, has prevented the economic recovery of the country and it is the present commission's business to unify and rehabilitate Korea economically.

Right now things are going smoothly in Seoul though the only news to be released are in joint communiques which are frequently not too informative.

But tangled international rela-

tions and the seeming conflicts at the U.N.O. in London may affect the commission's task and if Moscow should feel too much real or fancied pressure in other regions of her immense bantling area, spanning the great Eurasian land mass, then the Russian attitude in Korea might conceivably grow tougher if not tougher. —Associated Press.

Wanton Destruction Of Stores

Washington, Jan. 29. Representative Latham, Republican of New York, yesterday cited what he termed to be "additional confirmation of wanton destruction of enormous quantities of surplus military supplies in overseas Pacific bases."

Quoting from letters he said he had received from returning servicemen New Yorkers, in a speech prepared for House delivery, he called on Congress for immediate action to "decide what is to be done about it."

The letters quoted directly by Latham told of "over 250 boats of all kinds burned, most of them in fair or good condition" on the island of New Caledonia; in Lum Bay about 1,000 vehicles especially General Motor Company trucks have been dumped into the sea together with thousands of tires.

Another serviceman told of copper and steel pipe "all brand new" being thrown into a bay.

"Hundreds of new marine motors, all new, were thrown into the bay. Millions of feet of lumber were burned."

Latham has introduced legislation asking for an investigation. There was no immediate comment from the War or Navy Departments. —Associated Press.

Anglo-U.S. Airlines Agreement

Bermuda, Jan. 29. The delegation to the Anglo-American Air Conference in session here issued a joint statement today indicating that the principles of the pact governing commercial air transport between the two countries had been referred to London and Washington for final instructions.

No details were disclosed, but Sir Henry Self, of England, and George Baker from the American delegation, will meet the press for discussion of the implications of the statement.

According to a well-informed official, the main controversial points will be solved by the following agreements:

1. Rates will be fixed on operating scale bases by the airline operators at the expected Traffic Conference in New York next month.

2. An unlimited number of trips may be flown.

3. The right to carry passengers from one country to another on regular routes will be virtually unlimited.

The agreements reached at committee level will await now only final instructions from the home governments before the conference approves them. After that the final draft must be approved by the Governments before the agreement is signed.

It is estimated that the conference will end on Feb. 4. —Associated Press.

Predicted Jap. Air Attack

Washington, Jan. 29. The former Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Owen Roberts, yesterday testified before the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee that he had never seen the code messages by which the Army and Navy officials learned of Japanese intentions.

He also told the Congressional Inquiry Committee that nothing had been detected from the report of the Committee.

Captain Ellis Zacharias, Naval Intelligence officer, testified that he had predicted to Rear-Admiral Huhman Kimmel in March 1941 that if the Japanese decided to fight they would start with an aerial attack on the American Fleet from the North probably on a Sunday.

He explained that the Japanese knew that on Sunday all naval personnel, who could, stayed ashore. He also said he told Kimmel that the attack would likely be made by seaplanes launched from carriers. —Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 29. Lieut. General Sir Frederick Morgan, the U.N.R.R.A. head in Germany, died on Sunday night with the U.N.R.R.A. Director General Herbert Lehman. —Associated Press.

Under a recent War Department directive, which puts Court Martial proceedings back on the peace-time basis, the case has been sent to Washington.

General MacArthur announced that he has no connection with the case. —Associated Press.

Chinese Official's Charge Against UNRRA

SHANGHAI, JAN. 29. STATING THAT THE U.N.R.R.A. SUPPLIES TO CHINA WERE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS AN OFFICIAL OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL RELIEF REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY CHARGED U.N.R.R.A. WITH PARTIALITY TOWARD EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Doctor Chang Pao Nan, Washington director of the U.N.R.R.A., told a news conference that the U.S.\$675,000,000 allocation by U.N.R.R.A. to China "doesn't nearly meet our needs."

He said the per capita grant of a dollar and a quarter to China was the lowest of all recipient countries, compared with the \$9.32 per capita to an "enemy country."

He urged a re-assessment of China's needs and declared that

Week-End Crimes In London

London, Jan. 29. Scotland Yard men were yesterday combing London for four masked gunmen who bound and gagged the night watchman at a Hackney warehouse during the week-end and escaped with clothing valued at \$2,000.

The night watchman opened the door of the warehouse of Messrs. Tiltton Ltd. in answer to a knock. He was confronted by four men, who pointed at him what appeared to be revolvers. They ordered him into the office, where he was bound and gagged. While the thieves were packing parcels of clothing, transport driver Jeff Coate called at the warehouse.

The thieves told him to enter, and then attacked and bound him. The four men, with their haul, drove off in a large car, and the driver and watchman later released themselves and gave the alarm.

Other thefts reported during the week-end were: \$2,500 worth of jewellery from a Regent Street London shop. A deed box, containing \$200, from a house at Tevelworth, Middlesex. A handbag and a small sum of money from a Rockham Surrey house, where two women were held up by revolver while their house was ransacked. —Reuter.

Australian Minister Coming

Chungking, Jan. 29. Mr. Patrick Shaw, first Secretary and Charge d'Affaires of the Australian Legation here, has left Chungking for Shanghai en route to Hong Kong, where he will await the arrival of Doctor Douglas Berry Copland, Australian Minister designate to China, who is expected to arrive in the British colony by ship from Sydney in the second week of February.

Doctor Copland, who is 52 years of age and one of Australia's most distinguished economic experts, will then fly to Chungking to present his credentials to President Chiang Kai-shek. He will be Australia's second Minister to China. The first was Sir Frederick Baxton, now Minister at Washington, who is retiring to his home in Melbourne soon.

Copland is best known in Australia for his success in stabilizing prices during the war. Last year he visited the United States, Canada and Great Britain and reported to the Australian Government on the effects of the war on the economic structure of those countries. —Associated Press.

Hickwa Case

Tokyo, Jan. 29. Major-General M. C. K. Harper, Commander of the 98th Division, has forwarded his recommendation in the case of P. Joseph E. Hickwa to the Judge Advocate General's office in Washington and announced that the case must be made from there, the Press Relations Office announced today.

Hickwa was condemned to death by military after his conviction by a Court Martial for killing two Japanese.

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Women Endorse MacA Policy

WASHINGTON, JAN. 29. THE 26TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE YESTERDAY ENDORSED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ADMINISTRATION OVER JAPAN. THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNED "INTERFERENCE BY ANY GROUP OR NATION SEEKING TO WEAKEN HIS AUTHORITY" BUT DID NOT SPECIFY THOSE IT REGARDED AS INTERFERING WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR.

The Conference presented 32 women's groups in the nation, including the American Legion Auxiliary, the Disabled American Veterans' Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Conference also recommended the United States to occupy the Pacific bases conquered from Japan.

"The future peace of the world is safe only with the Pacific Islands protected from aggressor nations" the resolution said. It also recommended an increase in funds for the Congressional Committee on un-American activities to combat "the tremendous expanding subversive group" of the rail-

roads who seek "the destruction of our government."

The resolution failed to name any racial organization but Committee members said "every one knows who they are and what they are trying to do."

The Conference also endorsed universal military training. —Associated Press.

Senator Clare Luce?

Washington, Jan. 29. Close friends of Representative Clare Booth Luce, Republican of Connecticut, yesterday said she may seek election to the Senate this year as successor to Senator Hart who announced he is retiring.

Mrs. Luce has been a frequent critic of the Administration's foreign policy. —Associated Press.

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Disappointment Over French Position

Chancellor Carries Torch

Washington, Jan. 29. President Truman to-day received Mr. Christopher Chancelor, General Manager of Reuters, who is on a visit to the United States, meeting the leading American newspaper publisher.

On leaving the Chief Executive's office, Mr. Chancelor told reporters: "I told the President about Reuters and what we are trying to do. I assured him that we in England are trying to carry the torch on the other side of the Atlantic for truth in news and freedom in international exchange of news. The President talked to me about the basic principles of the matter. He has a full and complete understanding and belief in these fundamentals. He told me how glad he was to hear from me the standpoint of Reuters in this matter."

"He was most helpful and most encouraging. It was a great privilege to meet the President to-day and I greatly appreciated it."

In reply to inquiries on his visit to the United States, Mr. Chancelor said: "I am leaving for Florida to stay with Mr. Kent Cooper of the Associated Press and discuss with him the basic relationship between Reuters and the Associated Press."

Reuters.

LIEUT. TO GEN. IN SINGLE DAY

LT. COL. L. W. AMPS, R.E., WHO DIRECTED THE AUXILIARY MILITARY PIONEER CORPS IN FRANCE, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE EUROPEAN WAR IN 1939, WAS THE SPEAKER AT YESTERDAY'S TIFIN MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB.

IN INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER, THE PRESIDENT, ROTARIAN DR. ARTHUR WOO, SAID THAT COL. AMPS HAD GAZETTED A LIEUTENANT AND PROMOTED AN ACTING UNPAID MAJOR GENERAL ALL IN ONE DAY.

His appointment gave rise to what must have been one of the most remarkable coincidences of the war, for Col. Amps to his surprise found himself appointed Director of the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps, abbreviated in the usual Army fashion to A.M.P.C.

Addressing the gathering, Col. Amps said that he would speak of a body of men whom he had a deep regard and affection. In 1939, when the war broke out he had just returned home on business. He had been for 20 years receiving a Disability Pension, having been invalided in the last war, and an Adjutant General's Office in London asking him to report there came as a great surprise.

He was soon in France conferring with General Gort on the problem of auxiliary labour for the Expeditionary Force and it was decided to recruit where possible to permit the release of fit men for the fighting services.

OLD SOLDIERS

First recruits to the A.M.P.C. were mostly old soldiers from the last war whose anxiety for active service and disappointment in the fact that it was possible to issue arms only to some 25 per cent. of the Corps' personnel.

Re-enlistment in London for the A.M.P.C. was facilitated by the enthusiasm of the Lord Mayor, the campaign being carried on from Mansion House in the very centre of the city. Men flocked in to join the Corps and there were so many trying to get in that it was possible from London alone to raise 13 companies.

It had been originally proposed to make the Corps 250,000 strong. Among those who joined up were six V.C.s from the last war and a number of Jewish and other refugees from Nazi aggression.

It had been intended, as in the last war, to recruit at least 100,000 Chinese from Hong Kong. Negotiations were in progress to transport 2,000 labourers from China weekly but these broke down as it was deemed inexpedient by the Foreign Office to carry out the plan owing to the tense political situation with Japan.

When the Germans with their new high-speed warfare invaded France, they managed to penetrate in some parts to the rear of the defending forces and it was here that the Pioneer Corps was given a chance to demonstrate its touch fibre.

DUNKIRK INCIDENT

Instances of outstanding bravery involving units of the Corps were recorded in the retreat to Dunkirk and these included an action by some members of the A.M.P.C. who hid by the roadside when a German tank rumbled in. As the crew got out for an alarm, the A.M.P.C. men rushed on them.

Russia Ready To Listen

Wave Regent Prosecutions

BERLIN, JAN. 29. CAN RUSSIA AND THE WESTERN POWERS WORK TOGETHER ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS TO FIND AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION UPON WHICH PEACE OF THE WORLD AND FATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION RESTS? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS INTERVIEWED ALL 18 AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ON MAJOR DIRECTORATES AND COMMITTEES WORKING UNDER THE BERLIN ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL.

The same question, of paramount importance in the Far East, where Russia recently gained a voice in the control of Japan through the Moscow Foreign Ministers' decision to set up a Four-Power Control Council and new Far East Committee with MacArthur as sole executive authority, was asked.

Although the interviews were conducted independently, the results fell into the following pattern of fairly general arrangement:

First, that each committee started negotiations in an atmosphere of mutual suspicion and formality with each country's representatives often determined not to give an inch.

Second, that this atmosphere lasted for some weeks and progress was virtually nil.

Third, that this period gave rise to a great many anti-Russian, Anti-British and anti-everybody stories that still are current and creating erroneous impressions.

Fourth, that in the past three months this atmosphere has given way, slowly, to one of mutual confidence and willingness on the part of old delegates to reach agreements.

Fifth, that an agreement has been reached on an overwhelming majority of problems particularly on lower committee levels.

Sixth, that there is a general feeling after five months trial that no problems exist that cannot be solved by the Four-Power Delegation.

Seventh, that nobody has had monopoly on making concessions and there have been no coalitions of powers, despite early Russian suspicions that the three western powers would form a bloc.

On control issues, it was said, Americans and Russians have been together on various problems more often than they have been apart, although the sides change frequently.

There are two salient questions upon which no common ground has been found.

FRENCH VETO

The first is the French veto blocking the way to centralisation of the German administration. This has affected virtually all departments and made negotiations difficult.

The other is the question of press and radio which the Russians, thus far, have declined to discuss.

Generally speaking, the lower level administrative committee representatives were more optimistic of the future Four-Power negotiations than those on higher political levels although all were bullish.

Part of the caution on the highest levels were caused by disappointment over the French position. They were also uncertain whether Soviet confidence goes all the way back to the powerful "Politburo" in Moscow which guides Soviet policy. Only time will tell.

Leo Werthe, one of those interviewed, said it is interesting to note that everyone assumed that the Russians would not try to understand American views but it worked out that the Soviets "made more attempts to understand our views than we made to understand theirs in some cases."

HARD WORKERS

J. D. Canadling, agricultural expert, said: "If I had to pick out a delegation to do business with and get it over fast I would pick these Russians because they work harder at it."

There was a clear-cut division on the question whether a single veto, keeping the council from reaching a full agreement, was a good thing. It was felt that, while the veto hampered a quick decision, it forced full agreement on every problem and committed each member to carry out the decisions. Others felt the veto unnecessarily blocked progress and was inefficient and reflected only the nations' mutual distrust.—Associated Press.

JAVA FIGHTING

Batavia, Jan. 29. British artillery mortars to-day dispersed attacking Indonesians south-west of Sourabaya.

Other British units in east Java underwent nightlong attacks.

Near Bandoeng, the Indonesian Peace Preservation Corps which are co-operating with the British, dispersed 200 Indonesians armed with machine-guns and rifles.—Associated Press.

DR. T.V. SOONG GOES TO HAINAN

China's Premier, Dr. T. V. Soong, who returned to Canton from Hong Kong on Sunday, after a short rest, took off again the same day for Hainan Island.

He was accompanied by the Canton G.O.C., General Chang Fa-kuei, the Governor, General Li Chuek-yin, and Admiral Chan Chuek in addition to his own entourage.

On the tour Dr. Soong made an inspection of port facilities and installations put up by the Japanese during their occupation of the island, and he also received an account of the taking over of arms and materials surrendered by the Japanese.

DENIES CHARGES

Manila, Jan. 29. Buenaventura Ramos to-day pleaded innocent before the People's Court on charges of leading Japanese to the hide-out of two Batavia veterans, Captain Henry Reeves and Sergeant William Knicker. The Americans were subsequently captured near Papaya Nueva, the charges stated, and were presumably executed.—Associated Press.

That's Different

London, Jan. 29. The Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee yesterday told the House of Commons that British military observers will watch the United States atom bomb tests on warships in the Pacific next May.

Mr. Attlee brushed aside a query of a Conservative member who wanted to know "whether Britain has any rights in the atomic bomb at all now." Attlee said that that was a different question altogether.—Associated Press.

Story Of Police Raid

Shooting at a party of police with intent to injure, refusing to be searched, and possession of a .455 revolver, thirteen rounds of ammunition, a .25 Colt automatic and five rounds of ammunition without a permit, were the charges against six Chinese before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Mr. R. S. Smith, who represented the Crown, told the Court that on Dec. 13, a raid headed by S. I. Sykes was made on No. 204, Hai Tan Street, second floor. The raiding party knocked on the door and said that they wanted Chan Chung.

A female voice answered that Chan was not in. Further knockings were not answered and there was no response to questions. S. I. Sykes then broke the front door down.

They found five men in the front room. When told to come forward to be searched by the police, two of the Chinese opened fire and injured Detective No. 305. The police returned fire and four men ran to the verandah and escaped through the house next door. Chan Chung was arrested with a wounded gunman, Tang Tuen.

The arms and ammunition were found on the floor.

S. I. Byrne testified that on Dec. 13, he went to Hai Tan Street when he heard of the gun-duel. He saw three men escaping and gave chase. In the dark, one man disappeared and the other two ran into Tai Nam Street. One of them shot at pursuing detectives, but S. I. Byrne could not recognize the man. Joined by Li Mok and others, he went to No. 363, Koo Lung Street, and there arrested two Chinese, Lam Kwong and Chan Cheung. Detective Huen Hung, called, confirmed Byrne's story. The case was adjourned to this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.—Associated Press.

BRIDES AND BABES ON WAY

London, Jan. 29. Three special trains crowded with brides and babies of American soldiers left yesterday for English south-coast ports. This group was composed of 639 wives and 306 children, and was the second contingent to sail for the United States. Most of them will leave late in the week on the "Queen Mary." The steamship "Argentine" with 453 wives and 173 babies sailed on Saturday.—Associated Press.

Gen. Spears Opposes Zionist Case

LONDON, JAN. 29. MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD SPEARS, THE FIRST BRITISH MINISTER TO SYRIA AND LEBANON, IN A STATEMENT BEFORE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON PALESTINE TO-DAY, SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE ZIONIST POLICY AS MANIFESTED IN PALESTINE TO-DAY WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT BUT A NATIONAL ONE, WITH MANY OF THE UNDESIRABLE FEATURES WHICH CHARACTERISED THE N A Z I MOVEMENT IN GERMANY.

If Zionist policy were to succeed, he said: "It would be a source not of peace, but of conflict in the Middle East and their sentiments would continue to be as they are to-day—violently anti-British."

"It would be a permanent cause of anxiety and a major obstacle to the development of Arab unity, which I believe to be essential to progress and stability of this vital area."

"The Arabs in Palestine and outside of it are terrified that if large scale Jewish immigration is to continue, it will result in their being engulfed and that in Palestine they will become a minority, subject to Jewish rule."

"Against that, all Arabs in Palestine, and outside it, would resist by every means in their power, and if driven to desperation would resort to force rather than suffer what they feel to be bitter injustice."

"The problem of Jewish refugees can be solved," declared General Spears, "if all the United Nations, including the Arab States will share the burden."

"I believe that the United States and British Commonwealth can make a very large contribution, in view of their resources, both in living space and wealth."

"I believe that the Arabs will accept the continuance of a national home provided that the Zionists abandon their political aims and ceased to endeavour by violence, illegal immigration and pressure to achieve their objective of a Jewish majority in Palestine."—Reuter.

Non-Strikers Beaten Up

Singapore, Jan. 29. R.A.F. men who refused to join the strike at Selegie airfield here were beaten up after lights-out in their barracks-rooms, according to an official S.E.A.C. statement last night.

All R.A.F. strikes in India and S.E.A.C., except the one at Cawnpore, have now temporarily ended although at certain camps, the men have said that they will strike again unless their demands are met.—Reuter.

PIRACY SEQUEL

As a result of the "Kien Chung" piracy, the Police authorities in Macao are now searching passengers on the wharf before allowing them to board vessels for Hong Kong, Canton and other destinations.

Owners of vessels are also understood to be organising search parties of their own, as a preventive measure against piracy.

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How Black Market Gets Supplies

TWO INDIAN SEAMEN, DESCRIBED BY THE PROSECUTION AS THE "SINE QUA NON" OF THE BLACK MARKET BECAUSE OF THEIR THIEVING ACTIVITIES FROM SUPPLY SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR, WERE ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE GENERAL MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY, CHARGED WITH LARCENY OF NINE BAGS OF COLONIAL SUGAR FROM THE S.S. FORT PROVIDENCE ON JAN. 15. THE DEFENDANTS WERE ABRAHIM MOHAMMED, 25, SEAMAN, AND ABDAMAM LATIF, 25, SEAMAN, WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO THE OFFENCE.

The case against a third accused seaman, Hassan Mea Esau, 45, cook, was adjourned sine die on the application of the prosecution. Accused, it was stated, had been admitted to Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from advanced tuberculosis and would not be in a fit condition to conduct his defence.

Members of the Military Court were Mr. Leo d'Almada (President), Mr. D. H. Blake and Capt. C. d'Almada. Mr. R. S. Smith appeared for the prosecution.

In passing sentence of two years' hard labour on each of the accused, the President said that as it was the first case to come before the Court the penalty he had imposed was more of a punitive than a deterrent nature. He added that it also provided the opportunity for the Court to give adequate warning that in future offences of this nature would be dealt with very seriously.

Mr. Smith told the Court that at about 3 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 15 three members of the crew, who were sleeping in a cabin near No. 5 Hatch, were awakened by noises. On going out to investigate they saw three men carrying three bags of sugar towards aft of the ship.

Three men on being challenged dropped the bags and ran away, but quick action on the part of the awakened members of the crew resulted in the three accused being arrested, two while in the act of emerging from the hole and the third, not before the Court, in another place.

Mr. Smith said that the men had to put in a lot of hard work in reaching the storage place of the sugar. Four bags were recovered, one on deck and three below a rope ladder hanging from the hatch. The bags were moved a total distance of 66 feet from the original storage position. Each bag contained about 70 pounds of sugar.

A great deal of concern has been caused to H.M. Victual and Supplies Officer of the Fleet Train, went on Mr. Smith. "A considerable loss of cargo has been going on for a long time. This involves the supply lines of H.M. Forces here and entails the use of additional ships in carrying additional cargo to make up the loss. It also entails heavier consumption of oil and fuel and taking away many tons of ships from the ordinary business of carrying supplies to H.M. Forces."

Mr. Smith said that the gravity of the offence was made much more serious in that the accused were the sine qua non of the black market but for whose "activities and thefts from supply ships in the harbour there would be no black market."

"DANGEROUS MEN"

"It is not possible for me to over-emphasise the very grave nature of this type of offence in asking for a severe penalty. These men are dangerous in that they are undermining the supply lines of H.M. Forces. They are more dangerous still because they strike at the very root of the rationing system to the civilian population," concluded Mr. Smith.

In answer to Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. Smith said that five bags were still missing. The cargo was checked on departure and again on arrival. The hatch was opened five weeks ago for discharge and was sealed again until the day of the theft when the hatch was reopened for discharge of cargo.

To another query from the bench, Mr. Smith said that each bag of sugar was priced at nine guineas. This, however, was an artificial value made by H.M. Government for the purpose of accounting only.

After an adjournment the Court inquired from the prosecution as to the method of watch keeping on board the ship.

Mr. Smith said that there were two men on duty, one on deck and another, the engineer on duty, below deck. The man on deck had a lot of work to do and had to cover the complete

length of the ship which was 425 feet.

DIFFICULT POSITION

Asked by the President whether it was not more advisable to increase the watch in view of the numerous thefts of cargo, Mr. Smith replied that the position was very difficult in regard to the inadequacy of the guards. He said that there was no way of increasing the guard without the risk of reducing the efficiency of the crew by day. Members of the crew were engaged in very hard work in daylight in shifting and discharging cargo and other work.

Mr. Smith related a recent strike on board one of the ships in the Fleet Train by a native crew because of too much work in the day and too many night watches.

Asked whether it was the first apprehension of culprits in such an offence, Mr. Smith told the Court that it was so. In this case, he added, the prompt and courageous action of three members of the crew resulted in the arrest of the accused. These men, said Mr. Smith, in consequence of their action are now in fear. The men were not on duty and it was only a loyal sense of duty that prompted them to investigate when they were awakened.

Imposing sentence, Mr. Leo d'Almada said: "You have pleaded guilty to a serious offence in that as members of the crew of this particular ship part of whose duty is to see that the ship's cargo is safeguarded, you actually committed the crime of stealing cargo from it."

He told the accused that they took advantage of the fact that because the men were tired out in the day it was impossible to provide an adequate watch. The Court, he said, had given serious consideration to the prosecution's request for a serious sentence to be taken. It felt, however, in view that it was the first case to come up before the Court and that nothing was known against the accused, the sentence should be more of a punitive than deterrent nature.

He said: "It should be known by members of a ship's crew that if further cases of this kind are brought up before this Court they will be dealt with very seriously." Mr. d'Almada concluded that this being the first case it afforded an opportunity for the Court to give adequate warning.

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9.05 p.m.—"Music Time"—B.B.C.

9.35 p.m.—A Short Light Orchestra Programme.

10.00 p.m.—Selections from G.B. Cochran's Forces.

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